



# Maine Farmer.

S. L. BOARDMAN, Agricultural Editor.

Meetings and Exhibitions to Occur.

**MAINE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.**—Next meeting at Bangor, Me., Tuesday, Dec. 23rd, 1874. For the reading of Papers and Documents. **MAINE STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.**—Second Exhibition at City Hall, Portland, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, January 13th, 14th and 15th, 1875. Entries for competition close Jan. 10th. Post Box, Secretary, Portland.

**PERCENNY COUNTY FARMERS' ASSOCIATION.**—Fourth Exhibition at City Hall, Bangor, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 16th, 17th and 18th, 1874. S. J. Smith, Secretary, Bangor.

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## Communications.

For the Maine Farmer.

Some Useful Varieties of Sweet Apples.

Third Article.

In my last article, I have brought the varieties of sweet apples to the attention of our readers. This time to the month of January, when the fruit is in the market, I thought it would be well to give you some more information about the varieties of sweet apples. I have selected some of the most useful varieties for the Maine Farmer, and I hope they will be of some service to you.

The first variety is the **Pumpkin Sweet**. It is a large, round apple, with a thick skin and a sweet, juicy flesh. It is one of the best varieties for the Maine Farmer, and it is well adapted for the market.

The second variety is the **Franklin Sweet**. It is a medium-sized apple, with a thick skin and a sweet, juicy flesh. It is one of the best varieties for the Maine Farmer, and it is well adapted for the market.

The third variety is the **Golden Sweet**. It is a small, round apple, with a thick skin and a sweet, juicy flesh. It is one of the best varieties for the Maine Farmer, and it is well adapted for the market.

## System in Farming.

For the Maine Farmer.

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Winter is a good season to study and perfect plans for future operation, and especially in the beginning of the year, when the weather is so favorable for the study of the various branches of farming. It is a good time to study the various branches of farming, and to perfect plans for future operation. It is a good time to study the various branches of farming, and to perfect plans for future operation.

## Woman's Department.

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Not "Boarding Round."

I would like to ask Miss Clara Potter in what town is the "Thompson neighborhood," in which she taught and "boarded round," and suffered so much from "cold" and "fever," and from trying to "live up" and "live down" every evening, endeavoring to be brilliant, or puzzling her brains over "Kinky Artistic problems" which are so hard to solve and explain, and distracting conversation? Last fall, I taught school in the Thompson neighborhood, but did not board round. I found the people very kind and enjoyed myself much while I was there. They all seemed glad to see me, and were constantly inviting me to take tea with them or spend the night. I was obliged to say "No," but I am sure that if I had, I should have found it a very pleasant experience. I have had considerable writing to do, instead of sitting with the family in the kitchen, and I have been able to do a great deal of good work. I have been able to do a great deal of good work, and I have been able to do a great deal of good work.

## Raising Calves.

Among the practical papers read at the

annual meeting of the Board of Agriculture, one of the most interesting papers was that of Mr. Bradbury of Phillips, on the raising of calves. The necessity for having the best of cows, now that cheese factories are being so largely multiplied in our State, gives this subject additional interest just now—but it is one, which at any time should receive the earnest attention of our farmers. It is true that among the larger class of our well-to-do farmers throughout the State, too many of them will not take the trouble to raise calves, but it is a mistake to suppose that the profit of keeping good cows begins to be appreciated through the returns from the cheese factories—farmers are coming to realize that they must not only raise the best calves, but grow them in such a way that they may make the best cows, capable of bringing the largest returns of net profit. And in order to accomplish this, the calf must never stop growing, must never from any cause receive a check, or "stunt"—as farmers say. In the paper read, Mr. Bradbury, in detailing his own practice, said he raised the calf for his mother, and not for the profit, which it is taken out of and taught to drink, and by the time it is four weeks old, it is fed entirely on skimmed milk, the change from milk to skimmed milk being made gradually, and good sweet hay being fed by the calf. The calf is entirely weaned at four or five months old. Raised in this way, the entire milk may be used in the dairy, and much better calves can be obtained than if they are allowed to remain on the dam until they are ten or twelve weeks old and then taken off at once. In the paper, Mr. Bradbury also mentioned the importance of the calf's diet, and the necessity of giving it the best of food. He also mentioned the importance of the calf's exercise, and the necessity of giving it the best of exercise. He also mentioned the importance of the calf's health, and the necessity of giving it the best of health.

## Remarks on the Milk Record at Togus Farm.

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It was with pleasure that I observed in the list of milk records at Togus Farm, that the record for the month of December was 2,341 quarts, or 58.5 gallons. This is a very good record, and it is well adapted for the Maine Farmer. It is a good record, and it is well adapted for the Maine Farmer. It is a good record, and it is well adapted for the Maine Farmer.

## Notes from Penobscot County.

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## Individual Happiness Possible to All.

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